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Attorney General John Ashcroft
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I urge you to settle the lengthy antitrust lawsuit that the government has brought against Microsoft after this comment period. The concessions Microsoft is willing to make to end the case are more than fair, and the situation should be put to rest.

Whining competitors who are jealous of Microsoft's market dominance are driving many of the concessions Microsoft is making. Many of those companies engage in similar business practices, but are being hypocritical simply because Microsoft has performed better. One of Microsoft's concessions is to disclose certain Windows codes to other companies in the marketplace, yet those companies have not agreed to do the same thing in relation to their products. Microsoft is being more than reasonable in trying to resolve the litigation.

It is high time that this lengthy legal process ceases to handicap Microsoft's ability to bring cutting edge innovations to both Corporate America and the private consumer, at the dazzling rates that it has been able to do in the past. Microsoft's concessions will not only further ensure market competition, but will in fact benefit their rivals more than themselves. The government should not ask any more of Microsoft than that.

I strongly urge you to finalize the settlement.

Sincerely,

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